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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REFS: (A) TORONTO 4423, (B) ISLAMABAD 17243

1. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO CONTACTS AT THE TWO AFGHAN RESISTANCE PARTIES, JAMIAT-E ISLAMI (RABBANI) AND JABHATAYE NIJAT-E HELLI-YE AFGHANISTAN (MOJADDADI) AKA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF AFGHANISTAN (NIFA), TO WHICH PIR MOHAMMAD, MOHAMMAD ASLAM, AND MOHAMMAD AMIN CLAIM AFFILIATION.

2. A NIFA CONTACT PUT US IN TOUCH WITH HAJI AMINULLAH, WHO IS MOHAMMAD ASLAM'S "REPRESENTATIVE" IN PESHAWAR. ACCORDING TO AMINULLAH AND OTHER NIFA CONTACT, MOHAMMAD ASLAM IS A COMMANDER FROM ANDKHOY, FARYAB PROVINCE. HE CAME TO PESHAWAR ABOUT TEN MONTHS AGO. AMINULLAH CARRIED LETTERS IN EARLY FROM NIFA MILITARY COMMITTEE CHIEF NOTING THAT ASLAM HAD COME FROM THE ANDKHOY FRONT TO PESHAWAR TO GIVE INTERVIEWS WITH BBC, VOA, AND OTHER JOURNALISTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN

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FARYAB PROVINCE. AMINULLAH ALSO CARRIED A MILITARY REPORT FROM ASLAM TO NIFA. AMINULLAH SAID ASLAM HAS TWO WIVES (BUT NO CHILDREN), BOTH LIVING IN ANDKHOY. HE HAS FELLOW UZBEK ACQUAINTANCES (AND POSSIBLY DISTANT RELATIVES) IN CANADA. PARTICULARS OF ONE FRIEND ARE:

PAMIR RESTAURANT, 13-391 WOODLAWN ROAD, GUELPH, ONTARIO. ASLAM TELEPHONED AMINULLAH FIVE DAYS AGO TO SAY HE WAS IN CANADA AND WOULD BE VISITING THE US AS WELL. AMINULLAH SAID THE PURPOSE OF ASLAM'S TRIP IS TO PUBLICIZE THE DROUGHT AND MILITARY SITUATION IN FARYAB.

3. AMINULLAH ALSO KNOWS MOHAMMAD AMIN, WHOM HE SAYS IS AFFILIATED WITH NIFA AND NOT WITH JAMIAT, AS BEING "PIR MOHAMMAD'S MILITARY ADVISOR" WOULD IMPLY. AMIN IS A MINOR COMMANDER ALSO FROM ANDKHOY WHO SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED MORE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF NIFA THERE. HE CAME TO PESHAWAR AT THE SAME TIME AS ASLAM AND ALSO HAS FAMILY STILL IN ANDKHOY (ONE WIFE AND A SON)

4. AS FOR PIR MOHAMMAD, JAMIAT POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONTACTS DO NOT KNOW HIM NOR MOHAMMAD AMIN, BUT THEY ARE STILL CHECKING WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. AMINULLAH KNOWS PIR MOHAMMAD AND SAYS HE IS A JAMIAT COMMANDER WHO HAS BEEN IN PESHAWAR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. HE, TOO, REPORTEDLY HAS FAMILY (ONE WIFE AND SEVERAL CHILDREN) IN ANDKHOY.

5. IN SHORT, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT MOHAMMAD ASLAM IS A NIFA COMMANDER, BUT ARE NOT SO SURE ABOUT MOHAMMAD AMIN AND PIR MOHAMMAD. AMINULLAH IS CERTAIN ALL THREE WILL RETURN TO PAKISTAN AND ANDKHOY AFTER THEIR SPEAKING TOUR. AMINULLAH SAYS THE THREE HAVE FRIENDS IN CANADA BUT NOT IN THE US. HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE INVITATION FROM THE AFGHAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. IN NEW YORK, NOR HAVE WE EVER HEARD OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

7. WE HOPE ABOVE ASSISTS TORONTO IN DECIDING ON NIV APPLICATIONS AND REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING. IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO TRACK DOWN AFGHANS IN PESHAWAR.

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